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SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF UPDATED ADULT PERFORMANCE OUTCOME DATA
SYSTEM (APODS) VERSION 2.0

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has made improvements to its database program called the Adult Performance Outcome Data System (APODS). These improvements correct many of the difficulties reported with the current APODS 1.3. DMH recommends that counties upgrade their APODS with the latest version. Please note that APODS is free to any county or entity that would like to use it. However, the California Department of Mental Health and its staff make no guarantee, expressed or implied, and are not responsible for damage, loss, or inconvenience resulting from a county or entity's voluntary use of this product.

Before installing the latest version of APODS, back up all data from previous versions of APODS (note: counties using a version older than 1.3 may have to export their data more than once). Once the data are saved to a different location, ALL old versions of APODS MUST be deleted before installing version 2.0.

The APODS software program was originally developed in Microsoft Access 97. Previous versions of APODS were reliant on Access 97 being fully installed on the user's computer. APODS Version 2.0 is available in multiple formats based upon whether the user has Access installed on their computer and the specific version of Access being used. Use the chart below to determine which format of APODS 2.0 is best for your computer.

User's Version of Access	APODS Version 2.0	Description	Name of Setup File
Access 97	APODS 2.0 for Access 97	Installs additional files related to Access 97.	APODS97Setup.exe
Access 2000	APODS 2.0 for Access 2000	Installs additional files related to Access 2000.	APODS2000Setup.exe
Access NOT installed	APODS 2.0 Runtime	Installs Access 2000	APODSRuntimeSetup.exe (not available yet)

From the table, you will notice that there are now two formats of APODS 2.0, depending upon the version of MS Access the user currently has installed on their computer:

1. "APODS97Setup.exe" is specifically designed for use on computers where Access 97 is installed.
2. "APODS2000Setup.exe" is specifically designed for use on computers where Access 2000 is installed.
3. A third version is currently undergoing testing and will be released in the near future. "APODS2000Runtime.exe" is specifically designed for use on computers that have neither Access 97 nor Access 2000.

Make certain that the correct format of APODS 2.0 is installed. Other enhancements to APODS include import checks for the presence of a face sheet and link date; the ability to print reports based on these checks; increased mobility between client records; more import/export options; etc. Further enhancements to APODS' performance and utility will be addressed as funding becomes available.

APODS Version 2.0 is available free of charge and is being distributed through a variety of channels. Currently, a copy of APODS 2.0 and the APODS User's Manual 2.0 are available from the DMH Performance Outcome public web site at: <http://www.dmh.ca.gov/RPOD/download.htm>. This manual also includes download and installation instructions. For technical assistance with downloading these files, call the DMH "Help Desk" at (916) 654-3117. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call Rachel Luxemberg, Technical Support to the Adult Performance Outcome System, at (916) 654-0984 and request APODS on CD-ROM.

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